

JAMES M. KERCHEVAL.

JANUARY 27, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4944.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, having considered the bill (H. R. 4944) granting a pension to James M. Kercheval, report thereon as follows:

James M. Kercheval, acting assistant surgeon United States Volunteers, served from January 1, 1863, to May 26, 1865. He was pensioned under act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month, by certificate No. 796998, issued July 23, 1892, but was dropped from the roll July 3, 1895, under the present construction of the act referred to, on the ground that he was not mustered into the United States service. This committee has favorably reported several bills of this class, of which one at least (H. R. 4240) has passed the House.

The passage of this bill is therefore recommended, with the following amendments:

In line 6 strike out the word "Army" and insert in lieu thereof "Volunteers, and pay him a pension."

In line 3, after "hereby," insert "authorized and."

Strike out all after the word "month," in line 7, and add "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

